

Reader **Readings**

Sun 6 Dec	Christine Barker	Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (Mark 1: 1-8)
Sun 13 Dec	Various Readers	Carol Service Sheet
Sun 20 Dec	Janette Turvey	2 Samuel 7: 1-11,16; Romans 16: 25-27 Psalm 89: 1-4 and 19-26 (Luke 1; 26-38)
Thurs 24 Dec	Various Readers	Midnight Mass Service sheet
Sun 27 Dec	Mike Baxter	Isaiah 61: 10-62:3; Galatians 4: 4-7 Psalm 148 (Luke 2: 22-40)
Sun 3 Jan 2021	Christine Barker	Sirach 24: 1-12; Eph. 1: 3-14 Psalm 147: 13-21 (John 1: 1-18)

Please arrange to swap if unavailable for allotted date



ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Priest's Message

Beloved Brothers and Sisters

I have the privilege of getting to know you by name and a little more, as this month has passed. It has been splendid to stay in touch and both churches have had a time to show off their beauty - on Remembrance Sunday and on our Feast Day of St Margaret of Scotland. It has been such a stimulating joy to serve you and explore Christ's treasure-filled riches in this teaching season of Easter and Pentecost.

As the colours outside are fading into moody grey and soft lavender Tay and sky and late autumn brightness rustles beneath our feet, we enter the rich purple of Advent. This year we will follow the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace on a weekly basis. It is exciting for us as newcomers to enjoy Christmas lights from mid-afternoon.

We have a lot of resources on hand - our weekly Zoom meetings during which, recently, we have hosted guest speakers and the Diocese will offer a range of online services. I think we will be able to print out parts for you if you need them. I hope you are enjoying the weekly e-newsletter as well.

We are privileged to be able to hold safe, weekly Sunday services and it is a delight to meet in church. Included herewith will be the Advent and Christmas programme.

God bless, keep courage and your sight on the month-long preparation for the birth of Christ. It has been nine months since I got here and nine months before that, of preparation to come to your welcoming hearts and spirits. Surely the next nine months will gestate a beautiful child with names of light, peace and healing.

Revd Kathy Barrable



December Services Diary

Sun 6 Dec	9.30am	Advent 2, Eucharist with Bishop Ian
Wed 9 Dec	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 13 Dec	9.30am	Advent 3. Carol Service with Eucharist
Wed 16 Dec	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Thurs 17 Dec	12.00	"Blue" Christmas - reflection & recollection
Sun 20 Dec	9.30am	Advent 4. Eucharist with Rev Jim Thomson
Thurs 24 Dec	11.00pm	Midnight Mass
Sun 27 Dec	9.30am	Celtic Service led by Margaret Gray
Sun 3 Jan 2021	9.30am	Christmas 2. Eucharist

December Rotas

Reception

Offering

Sun 6 Dec	Janette Turvey
Sun 13 Dec	Christine Barker
Sun 20 Dec	Mike Baxter
Thurs 24 Dec	Janette Turvey
Sun 27 Dec	Christine Barker
Sun 3 Jan	Mike Baxter

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December Events

Thurs 17 Dec	12 noon "Blue" Christmas - reflection and recollection in Church
Thurs 24 Dec	11.00pm Midnight Mass

St Margaret's Mission Statement

The mission of St Margaret's Church is to worship together, reach out, with the other churches, to those in the community and beyond, offering them welcome and hospitality wherever they are on their spiritual journey.

